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AMERICAN PLATFORM.

Platform of the American Party, adopted at the session of the American Council, February 21st, 1856.

1st. A humble acknowledgment to the Supreme Being for His protecting care vouchsafed to our fathers in their successful Revolutionary struggle, and hitherto manifested to us their descendants, in the preservation of the Liberties, the Independence, and the Union of these States.

2d. The perpetuation of the Federal Union as the bulwark of our civil and religious liberties, and the only sure bulwark of American Independence.

3d. Americans must rule America, and to this end, native-born citizens should be selected for all State, Federal, and Municipal offices of government in preference to all others, nevertheless, to this end, persons born of American parents residing temporarily abroad, should be entitled to all the rights of native-born citizens; but

4th. No person should be selected for political station, (whether of native or foreign birth,) who recognizes any allegiance or obligation of any description to any foreign prince, potentate or power, or who refuses to recognize the Federal and State Constitutions, (each within its sphere,) as paramount to all other laws, as rules of political action.

5th. The unqualified recognition and maintenance of the reserved rights of the several States, and the cultivation of harmony and fraternal good will, between the citizens of the several States,—to this end, non-interference of Congress with questions pertaining solely to the individual States, and non-interference of each State with the affairs of any other State.

6th. The recognition of the right of native-born and naturalized citizens of the United States, permanently residing in any Territory thereof, to frame their constitution and laws, and to regulate their domestic and social affairs in their own mode, subject only to the provisions of the Federal Constitution, with the privilege of admission into the Union whenever they have the requisite population for one Representative in Congress. Provided, always, that none but those who are citizens of the United States under the constitution and laws thereof, and who have a fixed residence in any such Territory, ought to participate in the formation of the constitution, or in the enactment of laws for said Territory or State.

7th. An enforcement of the principle that no State or Territory ought to admit others than citizens to the right of suffrage, or holding political office.

8th. A change in the laws of naturalization, making a continued residence of twenty-one years, of all not heretofore provided for, an indispensable requisite for citizenship hereafter, and excluding all persons and persons convicted of crime, from landing upon our shores; but no interference with the vested rights of foreigners.

9th. Opposition to any union between Church and State, and no test oath for office.

10th. Free and thorough investigation into any and all alleged abuses of public functionaries, and a strict economy in public expenditures.

11th. The maintenance and enforcement of all laws constitutionally enacted until said laws shall be repealed, or shall be declared null and void by competent judicial authority.

12th. Opposition to any weakness and unwise policy of the present Administration in the general management of our national affairs, and more especially as shown in relieving "Americans" (by designation) and conservatives in principle, from office, and placing foreigners and ultraists in their places; as shown by a truckling subservience to the stronger and an insolent and cowardly bravado towards the weaker powers; as shown in re-opening sectional agitation, by the repeal of the Missouri Compromise; as shown in granting to unnaturalized foreigners the right of suffrage in Kansas and Nebraska, as shown in its vacillating course on the Kansas and Nebraska question; as shown in the corruption which pervades some of the departments of the government; as shown in disgracing meritorious naval officers, through prejudice or caprice; and as shown in the blundering mismanagement of our foreign relations.

13th. Therefore to remedy existing evils, and prevent disastrous consequences otherwise resulting therefrom, we would build up the "American Party" upon the principles heretofore stated.

14th. That each State Council shall have authority to amend their several constitutions, so as to abolish the several degrees, and institute a pledge of honor, instead of other obligations for fellowship and admission into the party.

15th. A free and open discussion of all political principles embraced in our platform.

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American Doctrine.

Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence, I

conjure you to believe me, fellow-citizens; the jeal-

ousy of a free people ought to be constantly awake.

History and experience both prove that foreign in-

fluence is one of the most baneful foes of a repub-

lican government.—Washington's Farewell Address.

Foreign influence to America, is like the Greek

horse to Troy; it conceals an enemy in the heart.

We cannot be too careful to exclude its entrance.—

Madison.

I can scarcely withhold myself from joining in

the wish of Silas Deane, that there was an ocean of

fire between this and the Old World.—Jefferson.

It is true that we should become a little more

Americanized.—Jackson.

They make our elections a curse instead of a bless-

ing.—Martin Van Buren.

Lord preserve our country from all foreign influ-

ence.—Last Prayer of Gen. Jackson.

The People of the United States. May they re-

member, that to preserve their liberties, they must do

their own voting and their own fighting.—Harrison.

If ever the liberty of this Republic is destroyed,

it will be by the Roman Catholic Priests.

Gen. Lafayette.

"There is an imperative necessity for reforming

the Naturalization laws of the United States."

I repeat here, what I have said elsewhere, that

if there be those at the North who want a Presi-

dent to rule the South—if those at the South

want a President who will rule the North—I do

not want their votes. I can never represent them.

I stand upon the broad platform of the constitution

and the laws. If I should be called upon to

administer the Government, the constitution and

the laws of the country shall be executed, at every

hazard and at every cost.

From Fillmore's Speech at Rochester.

Buchanan's Doctrine.

If I thought there was a drop of Democratic

blood in my veins, I'd let it out.—JAMES BUCHANAN.

See Cents a day, is enough for a laboring

man.—JAMES BUCHANAN.

The influence of Slavery is demoralizing.

Let our National Legislature use its most zealous

and strenuous exertions to inhibit the existence of Slavery

in any of the Territories or States which may here-

after be created by Congress.—JAMES BUCHANAN.

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[From the Baltimore Clipper.

UP! AMERICANS, UP!

BY FLETCHER JOHNSON.

AMERICANS, up with the flag of defiance.

Be true to yourselves, and swear to be free;

Spurn those who support a "foreign alliance."

Let Fillmore and Douglas your battle cry be.

Come forth from the mines, from each hamlet and

cot.

And resolve in your might to sever

The links of that hateful, detestable chain,

And cast them aside forever.

Come forth from the shops, in might and in pow-

er.

Let your voices ascend up to heaven;

And swear that before they ye'er will cover,

That ye will not—cannot be driven;

Beneath your feet trample the bonds that sur-

rounders.

Ye sons of the free, ye sons of the brave;

Let your eyes pierce through the trials around ye.

The same as the moonlight that beams on the

wave.

AMERICANS UP, the foe is increasing.

Thousands, yea millions rush fast on the soil;

They come like the waves of old ocean increasing;

Grinding to earth the true sons of toil;

Then rise in your strength, and in trials dark hour,

Shrink not, but be true to the blow;

Ring, ring, in their ears the downfall of power,

Let ye shout be the peal of death to your

foe.

Then, AMERICANS, up with the cry of "protection,"

No paupers, we want from lands o'er the sea,

To beat down the prices and put in subjection

The sons of those men who bled to be free;

Yes, Americans, up and tear from the stranger

The power to do posterity harm;

Let us show to the world at the onset of danger

That union and strength is still in each arm.

AMERICANS UP—remember the warning.

That Washington gave to those of his case;

And when you behold base foreigners fawning,

Of foreign influence, beware, oh, beware!

Like venomous snakes in the grass they are lying,

Preparing forever a treacherous spring;

Viper-like for the kindness we ever award them,

They return to us a viper's dreaded sting.

Then AMERICANS UP, with the front of defiance

Be true to yourselves and swear to be free;

Cry out for protection—place in your

reliance,

And Fillmore the patriot your refuge shall be;

And hope's bright rainbow the pride of the morning

Shall disperse every doubt that may in your

mind.

A snail which is now, even now

Dispelling all mist in the land.

A BUCHANAN OMAR SURRENDERED.—We learn

from the Washington Star, that the publication

of the Washington Sentinel, the organ of the

Buchanan party at Washington, has been sus-

pended. The great organ has "caved in," the

lesser ones will soon follow suit.

The Martyrs of American Liberty.

BY JOHN CALVIN CARTER.

TUNE—"Dearest Mae."

America! my native land.

My home so brave and free,

I sing the bleeding Patriot band

That bought thy liberty!

O Liberty! thou boon of God's right hand,

Be thou most dear to every heart, the glory of

our land!

Oppressed by lordly tyrant rule,

Full many a weary day,

At length they rose in manly zeal,

And struck for Liberty!

O Liberty, &c.

Through years of toil and gloom and need,

They struggled to be free,

And paid in streams of noble blood,

The price of Liberty.

O Liberty, &c.

But bright and hopeful was their death,

That death which made us free;

They shouted with their latest breath

The songs of liberty!

O Liberty, &c.

The debt of love and life so great

We never can repay

To them who braved so hard a fate,

To win our liberty.

O Liberty, &c.

But we may bless the Mighty Hand,

That sent them victory,

That thus proclaimed our blood bought land,

The home of liberty.

O Liberty, &c.

O then, if loemen dark and wild,

We'll fight we'll die, we'll never yield,

One jot of liberty.

O Liberty, &c.

And now may all the gallant band,

The great—the brave—the free,

Receive at God's most gracious hand,

A heavenly liberty.

O Liberty, &c.

The Ball Opened in Kentucky.

The presidential campaign has fairly opened

in Kentucky, and opened with a spirit and an

enthusiasm that will sweep away all opposition

like a consuming fire. The Louisville Journal

of the 2d inst., thus chronicles an immense

meeting in that city, a meeting which was vari-

ously estimated at from 5,000 to 15,000 people.

The Journal says:

Never before in the midst of the greatest po-

litical excitement of any presidential contest has

so vast a concourse of people been assembled

together and such tremendous enthusiasm mani-

fest as were seen at the Grand Rally at the

court-house last night.

The whole court-house yard was insufficient

to contain the crowd. The ladies were present

in large numbers. Their bright-beaming smiles

and kind cheers added to the enthusiasm of the

occasion.

Several of the Councils came to the meeting

in procession, bearing a multitude of flags and

banners and transparencies, with witty and

patriotic devices.

A delegation of old line Whigs were present,

bringing with them the old banners under which

they rallied in '40 and '